

To: Gray, David[gray.david@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tue 8/25/2015 9:04:53 PM
Subject: Re: URGENT - CNN

Sorry

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On Aug 25, 2015, at 3:02 PM, Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

Do not reply to the earlier email from Nancy.

It accidently included the CNN reporter Chris Frates on the cc: line.

David

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2015 3:21 PM
To: Cristiano, Gina
Cc: Braun, Richard; Merritt, Steven; Smith, Paula; chris.frates@cnn.com; Mills, Bethany; Gray, David; Durant, Jennah; Acevedo, Janie
Subject: Re: CNN contract questions

Thx -- we will take and coordinate

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On Aug 25, 2015, at 2:07 PM, Cristiano, Gina <Cristiano.Gina@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Richard.

I've included Nancy Grantham (Area Command Public Information Officer) and Paula Smith (Region 8 Public Affairs Director) on this email. Ladies could you please help respond to Mr. Frates questions and/or please advise what you need from us to aid response?

Thank you, Gina

Gina Cristiano

Emergency Response & Planning Coordinator

EPA Region 8

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From: Braun, Richard
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2015 10:49 AM
To: Merritt, Steven; Cristiano, Gina
Cc: chris.frates@cnn.com; Mills, Bethany
Subject: FW: CNN contract questions

Gina and Steven,

I received this inquiry from CNN today.

Richard Braun

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From: Frates, Chris [<mailto:Chris.Frates@cnn.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2015 10:36 AM

To: Braun, Richard

Subject: CNN contract questions

Mr. Braun,

My name's Chris Frates and I'm a reporter with CNN. I'm looking at the EPA's contracting records and trying to determine how much money was spent in response to the Gold King Mine spill. I see that you are the person who prepared the documents I have questions about.

The documents show that Environmental Restoration got a \$500,000 contract on August 6th for emergency response work on Gold King Mine. But there was an additional \$945,000 appropriated to Environmental Restoration on August 4th; \$256,000 appropriated on August 5th and \$1 million appropriated on August 13th, which was effective on August 6th. Those three documents don't name the Gold King Mine or list the place of performance, but, based on the modification numbers, it all looks like it was from the same project.

I wanted to double check with you to make sure all those contracts are in fact for the Gold King Mine. I also wanted to make sure I wasn't missing any pertinent documents. I've attached the documents for your convenience.

I hope you can help I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

Chris Frates

CNN Investigative Correspondent

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